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FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20, 1920.

### THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose ust powers are derived from the consent of the governed;

a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution: to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

### CAR SHORTAGE FACTS.

THE facts regarding the existing car shortage on the railroads have been well set forth by Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota. According to his figures the roads as a whole added 120,000 cars on the average in each of the five years before the war. They retired about 90,-000 cars per year, leaving a net annual increase in car rupply of about 30,000. In the two years and two months during which the roads have been under Federal control only 100,000 cars have been purchased, while the rate of car retirement was even greater than formerly. due to the tremendous increase in traffic on account of the

These cars have been less than half those required to ake care of ordinary replacements; in other words, there has been a net decrease of 100,000 cars during the period of Federal control. Mr. Kellogg charges that instead of getting busy and turning out cars, the Railroad administration spent five precious months trying to standardize the cars and locomotives. Meanwhile the cost of material went up, shops got busy on other work, and the cars were never forthcoming.

What a striking parallel it is between the car situation and other projects of the Wilson administration, such as the airplane program. Instead of adopting designs of approved efficiency, ready to hand, production was sactificed in a vain attempt to remold entire industries.

### TARIFF REDUCTION HITS NORTH CARO-LINA.

ORTH CAROLINA, a dependable Democratic state, with one of its congressmen head of the House Ways and Means committee and one of its senators head of the Finance committee, when the Democrats were in power in congress, has become a great producer of hosiery. its mills, located near the cotton fields, manufacture the raw materials into the finished product with the labor of its home people and the employment of home capital. That telling of the restoration of the hosiery industry in Great Britain. After saying that the mills in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire are experiencing the most prosperous period in their history, and have taken all the orders they can fill up to June and are refusing further orders, the

American representative declares:
"The United States has also been an important buyer, and it is said by some manufacturers that they are doing the best business in the United States at present that they have ever done, and they expect that business in the com-

Hon. Lawrence Sherman paid his 99 per cont. of the municipal cam-respects to Henry Ford and all his paigns are fought out on in this coun-try.

RUFF STUFF

He was very much in earnest, even tor Lawrence Sherman.

Among other things he said was that he regards the Ford automobile as an international pest which de-stroys more useful material than any other sink hole in the world.

All the little children who think Lawrence would talk like that if every Ford in Illinois had a vote will please hold up their hands.

.... That will do; of course it is too cold to hold up hands today.

ple campaign that has opened up there.

What do they call an issue, anyhow?

"We want the jobs" is the only issue

They are now turning out shells at that Charleston plant that beat any-thing private steel plants ever sub-mitted.

Wonder if the anvil chorus which has been panning the navy and the army will find anything in that to wall about?

What People Say

and Some Side Remarks

ing year will be even better and on a much larger scale. This means that American consumers are buying more extensively of hossery "Made in England" because they can buy it cheaper than in America. It also means, apparnetly, that our purchases of hosiery in England will increase as England gets back on a full peace-time operation in industry. It means that every dollar sent to England to buy hosiery will be a dollar less expended for the employment of wage earners in American mills. It means that every dollar deducted from American payrolls will be a dollar less expended for the purchase of food and elothing, for payment of rent and purchase of property in America.

In view of these facts, it might be well for North Carolina business men to meditate upon the question whether their senators and congressmen were wise in voting for a reduction of from 30 to 50 per cent in the import duty on hosiery. It is impracticable to give exact figures on the extent of reduction of the duty, as the basis of computation was changed, but the figures given are not far from correct.

If England is able to make a record-breaking invasion of the American hosiery market, it would seem that the reduction of duty was clearly not wise.

### GOV. CORNWELL'S CALL.

GOVERNOR CORNWELL seldom or never does anything by halves. In issuing the call for the extraordinary session of the legislature to take action on the equal suffrage amendment to the federal constitution he gave equal suffrage a hearty and unequivocal endorsement. This stand by a Democratic governor puts responsibility for whatever happens to the amendment in this state entirely up to the legislature, which is Republican in both branches.

But there ought not to be any trouble over ratification on that acocunt. Although equal suffrage was voted down in West Virginia when it was presented to the voters in the form of an amendment to the state constitution, the leaders ir the Republican party have always been warm supporters of that movement and no doubt will now press for the ratification of the amendment and the elimination of this issue from American politics.

Even those who cannot approve of votes for women might just as well drop out and let the state get in as one of the first 36 to ratify. Yesterday at about the same hour that Governor Cornwell issued his call for the legislature the legislature of New Mexico completed ratification, thus becoming the thirty-second state to take this action. It will take only four more ratifications to consummate the movement, and it is pretty certain that these will be obtained long before the national conventions convene

With the speech made last night to the Republican With the speech made last night to the Republican convention in New York state by former Senator Elihu Root, the political talk is going to swing into a new groove and for a time at least we are going to hear more of issues and less of men. By the time the issues have been pretty thoroughly threshed out in both parties some of the men who have seemed rather important are going to drop out of the calculations of all.

Root's speech, which is printed elsewhere in this issue ment to be continued two years. Is it any wonder people are losing faith in of The West Virginian, should be read by every one. He is no truckler and he said things last night which must have put wry faces on both stalwarts and progressives, and what he had to say is going to have a powerful influence upon platform making and campaign plans in both old line parties.

Otto Branstetter, secretary of the Socialist party, told the committee of the New York legislature investigating the status of the five Socialist members who were suspended that only one per cent of the members of the party who pay dues are aliens and 71 per cent are American born. Why then does the party adopt alien political philosophy and try to set up class government in a nation committed to equal opportunities for all and absolute political equality? No political party that does not subscribe to the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence will ever amount to much in this country.

We can all talk about civic pride, but what is it worth to us in dollars and cents? Is it worth ten dollars a year to you as a progressive citizen to have a real, live, representative, active and energetic commerce of what happened: "I showed a \$4.00 body such as other cities in the state maintain? pair; customer says not good enough! If it is, remember we can't have such an organization I showed the same shoe at \$5.00. Let unless all the people in the city who should be members of the organization come into the fold. If you for them and went away satisfied." are out, please come in.

Most people who have innate respect for law will agree that in giving employers of child labor in this Nothing but silk. state therefore, should feel particular interest in a report state a full year in which to adjust themselves to the just received from the American consular agent in England shild labor law the factory inspectors have been quite of people may think about it does not count. The child have some coming that will sell." I do not know if his new stock came, but labor laws as they now stand in the West Virginia later I was talking to him and he said statutes are not the result of a sudden fit of zeal on the he was doing good, had high price part of a single legislature. They followed the devel- goods now. opment of public opinion regarding industrial conditions, and Factory Inspector Starcher, who has been here this week for the purpose of instituting suits against any employers who persist in ignoring the laws, may count upon the support of the public in his efforts.

LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR

TWO POINTS OF VIEW. FAIRMONT, Feb. 20.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—A Washington dispatch in the Fairmont Times this

patch in the Fairmont Times this morning ends with the following sen-tense: "During the day many mem-bers of Congress received letters and telegrams from union leaders urging

that government control of railroads

that government control of railroads be continued for two years." The leading editorial in the same paper ex-pressed a very different sentiment in this language: "The shortage of cars in the Fairmont mining region, acute

for the past several months, has got-ten to a stage where not only the min-ing industry is threatened but busi-

ness in general is being brought to a stagnant cognition which should not be. The only relief seems to be in the

### (BY CONDO) WALLER - WALLER - UM



any wonder people are losing faith in the leaders of union labor? They will throw the fat all in the fire pretty soon and then we'll have a big flash. If the people arise in their might against the unreasonable demands of union labor they can put the leaders out of busi-ness just like they did the arrogant Inquor leaders who used to run things about as they wanted to. They found out to their sorrow that there are more sensible people than fools in the world notwithstanding the way a great many folks act. Thinking people must begin to assert themselves or the destructionists will wreck the country.

COAL MAN.

Birthday Party.

A birthday party was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorne, at Wood's Run, in homor of their son Ted.

A number of young people were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HUNT VALUES NOT HIGH PRICES. MONONGAH, W. Va., Feb. 19.— [Editor The West Virginian.]—I read and hear a great deal about high cost of living, and wish to express my views through your columns.

In my opinion the people are greatly to blame for this. Talking to one of our merchants was told that he had a customer to come in and ask for a pair of shoes. This is his description me see a little better pair. I showed him the same shoe at \$6.00. He paid

What is a merchant to do? He ton hose to will not have them now

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**Drug Store** 

recently from Philippi, W. Va., and who died of pneumonia Monday evening, were held Wednesday at p. m. Mr. W. H. Post oficiated.

Mr. Bartlett left a wief and two OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE small children.

Miss Mary Post came home from taking care of her sister Mrs. J. O. Gillespie, of Fairmont who has been ill with the influenza, and has taken down with the same disease. Mrs. Ernest Floyd and daughter Marie are ill at their home.

Mrs. Patterson Hayes was a visitor in Fairmont, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Burt Ammons is ill at het

Mrs. Wm. Sloane and three chil, dren have the influenza. Miss Irene Gilleland, of Fairview has returned to her work here after a few days illness.

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Mrs. T. Godard, 204 Cooper have used your Sulpherb Tab-lets (for liver and blood) and Balmwort Tablets with complete satisfaction. In fact, I thought I had a paralytic stroke in December. In January I got a tube of the Balmwort Kidney Tablets and in one week's time I seemed to be alright again, and have had no return of symptoms, etc." Never neglect symptoms of Kidney and Bladder Trouble if you would avoid dangers. Sold by all druggists. Two little boys, James, 5, and Alex, 4, went to their aunt's house and she had always given them some thing to eat. This time, however, she had forgotten and as they were leav-ing Alex said to James: "Ask me i." I

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BAXTER

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# Now that it is almost certain the adies will get a right to vote at the primaries wonder if the County court will set aside that ex-barber shop as the place for them to register? Well, if walls could speak they could earn a few earful about politics by sticking around there for a while. Bet the prespect of women voting makes the gang of tough old highbinders who used to talk politics in that shop sick in the stomach. Well, everything has its day, and the doings that went on in that barbership, and in other barbershops and saloons throughout the country helped to bring woman suffrage about. Mannington folks are worrying be-